GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:205
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MEDICAL FACILITIES TO MENTALLY RETARDED
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is formulating any scheme to provide minimum basic medical facilities to mentally retarded people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the condition of most of the mental hospitals is worse on account of the paucity of funds;

(d) if so, whether the Government has received any representation from the States for the financial and technical assistance in this matter;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the action plan by the Government to tackle the growing mental illness;

(g) whether the budgetary provisions of Rs.190 crores has been made in this regard for the year 2004-05; and

(h) if so, the distribution/utilization of funds allocated to each State, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(h): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 205 FOR 15TH DECEMBER, 2004

In order to provide increased access and better facilities of health care for the mentally ill persons, the Government of India has formulated a comprehensive National Mental Health Programme for implementation during the 10th Five Year Plan with an outlay of Rs.139 crores. The programme envisages expansion of District Mental Health Programme, which provides for early diagnosis and treatment at the community level, from the existing 27 districts to cover 100 districts in the country, upgradation of facilities of all the 37 Government run mental hospitals, psychiatric wings of 75 medical colleges, IEC activities and Research and Training.

An amount of upto Rs.3 crores for upgradation of mental hospitals, upto Rs.50 lakhs for strengthening of psychiatric wings in the medical colleges and an amount of Rs.110.50 lakhs (for 5 years) per district under District Mental Health Programme are provided for. Funds are sanctioned to the States under various components on the basis of actual requirement and preparedness.

Out of the proposals received from various State Governments and Union Territories, 48 new districts have been included under District Mental Health Programme so far and funds released @ Rs.26.20 lakhs per district for the first year. The details of these districts are annexed. Funds have also been sanctioned in respect of three medical colleges at Kozhikode, Thrissur and Thiruvananthapuram in the State of Kerala for strengthening psychiatric wings. Funds will be released for remaining proposals relating to District Mental Health Programme, strengthening of psychiatric wings of medical colleges and upgradation of mental hospitals, subject to technical appraisal and availability of funds.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT SHOWING LIST OF NEW DISTRICTS INCLUDED UNDER DMHP DURING 10TH PLAN SO FAR (48)

1. Andhra Pradesh Prakasham, Cuddapah

2. Assam Nalbari, Morigaon

3. Haryana Hissar, Gurgaon

4.	Himachal Pradesh	Kangra
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu, Udhampur
6.	Karnataka	Karwar, Gulbarga, Chamrajnagar, Shimoga
7	Manipur	Imphal West, Thoubal
8.	Madhya Pradesh	Sehore, Dewas, Mandla, Satna
9.	Maharashtra	Amravati, Buldana, Parbhani, Satara, Jalgoan
10.	Meghalaya	Jaintia Hills, West Garo Hills
11.	Nagland	Phek
12.	Orissa	Puri, Mayurbhanj, Dhenkanal, Keonjhar, Khurda
13.	Tripura	North Tripura
14.	Tamil Nadu	Kanyakumari, Theni
15.	Uttar Pradesh	Muzafarnagar, Itawah, Banda, Moradabad, Raibareli, Mirzapur, Faizabad, Azamgarh, Sitapur, Ghaziabad, Gazipur
16.	West Bengal	Paschim Medinipur, Jalpaiguri